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Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Election of the Bureau

Rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council provides that, each year at the commencement of its first meeting, the Council shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents from among the representatives of its members. The membership of the Council in 2010 is given in the annex below. According to the equitable geographical rotation of the office of President among the regional groups, the President for 2010 should be the representative of a member of the Asian States group. The four Vice-Presidents of the Council shall be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution from the regional groups, excluding that to which the President belongs.

The President and Vice-Presidents shall constitute the Bureau. The Council, upon the recommendation of the President, shall decide on the special responsibilities of each of the Vice-Presidents.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77, a meeting of the Council will be held on 19 January 2010 for the election of the Bureau.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, at the beginning of each session, after the election of the Bureau when required under rule 18, the Council shall adopt the agenda for the session.

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The present provisional agenda has been prepared in conformity with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 48/162 and of other relevant legislative decisions, including, in particular, the provisions of Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 61/16.

3. Basic programme of work of the Council

In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Council shall draw up, at its organizational session, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, its basic programme of work for the year.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the President, prior to the organizational session, and with the cooperation of the other members of the Bureau, will arrange for consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General and make proposals thereon for consideration by the Council.

The Council will have before it the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2010 and 2011 (E/2010/1) prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Council and of the General Assembly.

The Council's attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 52/12 B, by which the Assembly decided to create a humanitarian affairs segment of the Council. In accordance with Council decision 1999/208, the Council, at its organizational session, may wish to select a theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2010.

The Council's attention is also drawn to General Assembly resolution 61/16, in which the Assembly decided that the Council should continue to promote global dialogue, inter alia, through strengthening existing arrangements, including a thematic discussion on a theme from economic, social and related fields to be decided by the Council and informed by a report of the Secretary-General.

Pursuant to Council decision 1982/174 on the rationalization of the work of the Council, the Council decided to identify, at its annual organizational session, a subject relating to interregional cooperation, of common interest to all regions, for detailed consideration under the agenda item on regional cooperation, and to request the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to submit their joint recommendations in that regard to the Council at its annual organizational session.

Pursuant to Council decision 2006/206 on adapting the work of the Council, the President of the Council will convene consultations of the Council, on an as-available basis, to adapt its organization of work, agenda and current methods of work in pursuance of paragraphs 155 and 156 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome and the related provisions of General Assembly resolution 61/16.

In its decision 2008/258, the Council decided that the theme of the annual ministerial review of the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2010 would be "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to gender equality and empowerment of women".

In its resolution 2008/29, the Council decided that the coordination segment of its substantive session of 2010 would be devoted to the theme of the 2009 ministerial declaration on implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to global public health.

In its decision 2009/250, the Council, taking note of the note by the Secretary-General[1] on the proposal of the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to amend article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e), of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol, decided, with reference to article 47, paragraph 1, of the Convention, to initiate the procedures established in paragraph 1 (b) of that article, which states that the parties shall be asked whether they accept the proposed amendment and also asked to submit to the Council any comments on the proposal. Article 47 (1) and (2) of the Convention, as amended, provides that if a proposed amendment is rejected by any Party,[2] the Council may decide, in the light of comments received from Parties, whether a conference shall be called to consider such amendment.

The Council's attention is drawn to paragraph 56 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 63/303, in which the Assembly requested the Council:

(a) To consider the promotion and enhancement of a coordinated response of the United Nations development system and specialized agencies in the follow-up to and implementation of that outcome document, in order to advance consistency and coherence in support of consensus-building around policies related to the world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development;

(b) To make recommendations to the General Assembly, in accordance with the Doha Declaration of 2 December 2008, for a strengthened and more effective and inclusive intergovernmental process to carry out the financing for development follow-up;

(c) Examine the strengthening of institutional arrangements to promote international cooperation in tax matters, including the United Nations Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters;

(d) Review the implementation of the agreements between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions in collaboration with those institutions, focusing in particular on enhancing collaboration and cooperation between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions, as well as on the opportunities for contributing to advancing their respective mandates;

(e) Consider and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the possible establishment of an ad hoc panel of experts on the world economic and financial crisis and its impact on development. The panel could provide independent technical expertise and analysis, which would contribute to informing international action and political decision-making and fostering constructive dialogues and exchanges among policymakers, academics, institutions and civil society.

In that regard, the Secretariat, in accordance with Council decision 2009/258, submitted to the Council a report of the Secretary-General on the promotion and enhancement of a coordinated response of the United Nations development system and the specialized agencies in the follow-up to and implementation of the Outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development;[3] a note by the Secretariat on enhancing collaboration and cooperation

[1] E/2009/78.

[2] See E/2009/116, annex.

[3] E/2009/114.

between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions;[4] and a note by the Secretariat on the possible establishment of an ad hoc panel of experts on the world economic and financial crisis and its impact on development: past terms of reference and any relevant factors or experience of previous ad hoc panels of experts.[5] A summary has been prepared by the President of the Council of the review of progress achieved in the follow-up to paragraph 56 of the Outcome of the Conference.[6]

In its resolution 2009/30 on a strengthened and more effective intergovernmental inclusive process to carry out the financing for development follow-up, the Council recommended to the General Assembly the modalities for a strengthened and more effective intergovernmental process for carrying out the financing for development follow-up. In paragraph 18 of its resolution 64/193, the Assembly endorsed the recommendations of the Council, as contained in its resolution 2009/30.

Documentation

Proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2010 and 2011 (E/2010/1)

4. Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies.

Documentation

Addendum to the provisional agenda of the organizational session for 2010 (E/2010/2/Add.1)[7]

[4] E/2009/115.
[5] E/2009/113.
[6] E/2009/___.
[7] To be issued.

Annex

Members of the Economic and Social Council for 2010

	Term expires on 31 December
Argentina	2012
Bahamas	2012
Bangladesh	2012
Belgium	2012
Brazil	2010
Cameroon	2010
Canada	2012
Chile	2012
China	2010
Comoros	2012
Congo	2010
Côte d'Ivoire	2011
Egypt	2012
Estonia	2011
France	2011
Ghana	2012
Germany	2011
Greece	2011
Guatemala	2011
Guinea-Bissau	2011
India	2011
Iraq	2012
Italy	2012
Japan	2011
Liechtenstein	2011
Malaysia	2010
Mauritius	2011

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Mongolia	2012
Morocco	2011
Mozambique	2010
Namibia	2011
New Zealand	2010
Niger	2010
Norway	2010
Pakistan	2010
Peru	2011
Philippines	2012
Poland	2010
Portugal	2011
Republic of Korea	2010
Republic of Moldova	2010
Russian Federation	2010
Rwanda	2012
Saint Kitts and Nevis	2011
Saint Lucia	2010
Saudi Arabia	2011
Slovakia	2012
Sweden	2010
Ukraine	2012
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2010
United States of America	2012
Uruguay	2010
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	2011
Zambia	2012